

Remarks/Arguments

The Applicants request withdraw of the unauthorized Examiner's Amendment to Claim 9 of the present application. It is the Applicants opinion that the Examiner's Amendment to Claim 9 opens interpretation to the claims not intended by the Applicants.

The Applicants also respectfully remind the Examiner that no authorization was given by the Applicants to the Examiner's Amendment as per MPEP 1302.04.

The amendment or cancellation of claims by formal examiner's amendment is permitted when passing an application to issue where these *changes have been authorized by applicant* (or his/her attorney or agent) in a telephone or personal interview. The examiner's amendment should indicate that the changes were authorized, the date and type (personal or telephone) of interview, and with whom it was held.

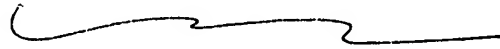
The Applicants request the Examiner to withdraw the Examiner's Amendment to Claim 9.

Conclusion

No other issues remain, immediate action upon Claim 9 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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